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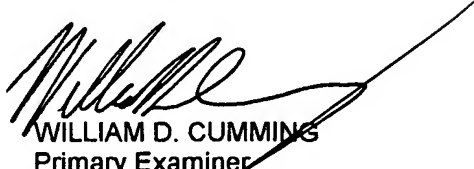
1. The reply filed on January 4, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant's attorney did not respond to paragraph 1 and 2 of the last Office action of October 5, 2005.

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